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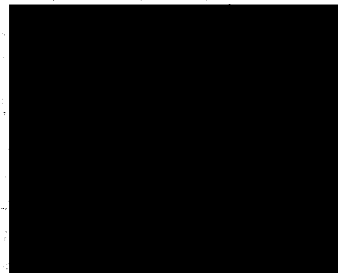
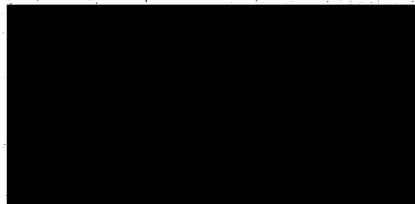
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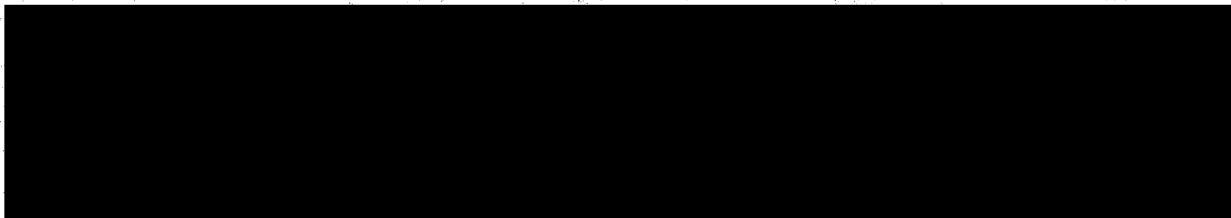
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1. "In recent years, considerable changes have been introduced into the organization of the Soviet rifle units. From watching the tactical training and field exercises in the Leningrad military district in 1953 and 1954, it has been possible to ascertain the new organization of the rifle companies.
2. "This new organization is as follows:

I The leadership group

The company commander	1 officer
His deputy for political affairs	1 "
The color sergeant of the company	1 sergeant
The quartermaster " " "	1 "
The clerk " " "	1 "
Observation orderlies	2 privates
Medical instructor	1 sergeant
Medical orderlies	2 privates
Signalman	1 private
Total: 2 officers, 4 sergeants, 5 privates	

II Rifle platoons

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Sergeants</u>	<u>Privates</u>
1st rifle platoon	1	5	42
2nd " "	1	5	42
3rd " "	1	5	42
Total:	3 officers	15 sergeants	126 privates

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2. (cont'd)

III Machine gun platoon

Machine gun platoon: 1 officer 3 sergeants 9 privates

3. "Total composition of rifle company:

6 officers, 22 sergeants, 140 privates = 168 persons

4. "The arms of a rifle company:

9 pistols of the 1933 model
 116 rifles of the 91/30 model
 6 carbines of the 1938 or 1944 model
 19 submachine guns of the 1941 or 1943 types
 12 light machine guns DP
 3 heavy " " SG-43
 1 signalling pistol

5. "The '50 mm company French mortars' are no longer used to arm rifle companies.

6. "A rifle company no longer has any economic detail of its own. It is regarded as a 'battle unit'. Only rifle battalions and still larger formations have their own economy."

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